



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Senate Bill #292 - An Act Concerning Behavior Analysts

The Department of Public Health opposes Senate Bill 292. This bill establishes a new licensing program that includes new licensure categories for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. The Department cannot accomplish these tasks within existing resources.

While the Department appreciates the important services provided by behavior analysts, we are unable to implement any new professional licensure programs at this time. As Governor Malloy stated in his 2016 State of the State Address, we must reset our expectations of what we can afford in light of the new economic reality facing Connecticut. Because an unbudgeted fiscal impact would result from the creation of a new licensure category, the Department cannot support this proposal.

Thank you for considering the Department's view on this proposal.